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For: Building Frame With Open/Openable-Top, Hollow, Tubular Column Structure

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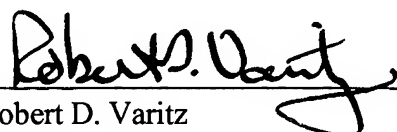
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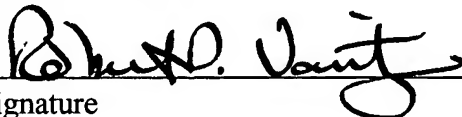
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